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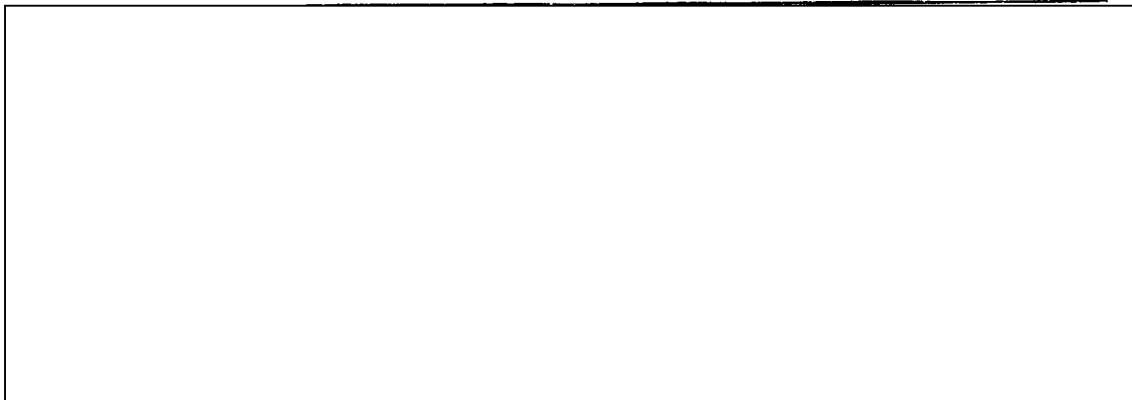
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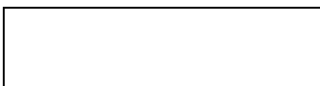


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KAZAKHSTAN-RUSSIA: Nuclear Dismantlement Agreement

Russia and Kazakhstan have agreed on a plan to dismantle an unexploded nuclear device at Semipalatinsk, [redacted] If dismantlement proves too dangerous, it will be destroyed with chemical explosives without releasing radiation. The low-yield device has been sealed in a tunnel at Degelen Mountain since 1991, when President Nazarbayev closed the test site because of domestic antinuclear sentiment. Kazakhstan does not want the device to be detonated because of environmental concerns. [redacted]

Comment:

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Moscow probably agreed to resolve the issue now after Kazakhstan threatened to seek the advice of US experts. [redacted]

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